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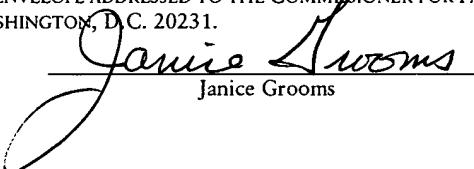
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

This Amendment After Final is responsive to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed February 18, 2003. This paper places the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal, and entry of this response is respectfully requested. No fee is believed to be necessary. However, should any fee be required for entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification by adding the following paragraphs on Page 12 at about Line 25:

- - For purposes of this invention, a "film" is considered to be a thin (less than 5 mm thick) generally flexible sheet of polymeric material. The economic value in using inexpensive films with highly defined microstructure-bearing film surfaces is great.

Structured polymeric film layers produced in accordance with known techniques can be microreplicated. The provision of microreplicated structured layers is

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